

**COMMITTEE MINUTES for  
TRANSPORTATION, INFRASTRUCTURE, AND CAPITALS  
APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE**

Date: *February 22, 2017*

Location: *RM 102, Sup. Ct. Consult*

Convened: *10:10 AM*

Adjourned: *10:50 AM*

Attendance Roll Call:

Present: Senators Bertrand-CH, Kapucian-VC, McCoy-RM, Anderson, Bowman; Representatives Huseman-CH, Wheeler-VC, Cohoon-RM, Kerr, Mascher, Maxwell, Nielsen, Smith, R.

Absent:

Excused: Representative Carlson

Representative Huseman, called the meeting to order at 10:10 a.m. The roll call was dispensed with and a quorum declared present.

Minutes of the February 21, 2017, meeting were approved.

Gary Slater, CEO, Iowa State Fair Board; thanked the committee for their past interest and assistance with the Iowa State Fair Board. He explained details as to the goals for improving the State Fair Facility, phases that would be completed over a few years and the cost of each one.

Representing the City of Sioux City, Robert Padmore, City Manager; David Carney, Public Works Director; and Luke Roder, Budget Manager; provided information regarding the City of Sioux City 1-29 reconstruction utility relocation. They shared information on the issue, background, and the financial support requested for this project. The City is requesting consideration of an appropriation to lessen the impact of this project on the City's water and sewer customers. They also suggested the legislature consider funding that would help communities impacted by large State roadway projects to offset financial burdens related to the project.

Lucy Norton and John Pederson provided information on the Renewable Fuels Association Infrastructure Program. The Renewable Fuels Infrastructure Program (RFIP) has offered cost-share grants since 2006 to help expand infrastructure for E15 and E85 dispensers, blender pumps offering E85 and mid-level ethanol blends, biodiesel dispensers and blender pumps, and heated biodiesel terminal storage.

Since 2011, the RFIP has provided cost-share grants for nearly 700 projects totaling more than \$27 million. Funding for the RFIP expires June 30, 2017. In recent years the RFIP received \$3 million annually from the penny-per-gallon Environmental Protection Charge that was applied to every gallon of fuel sold at retail in the state. Collection of the penny ceased on December 31, 2016, necessitating the need for a new funding source.

Following discussion and questions regarding these presentations, Representative Huseman thanked the presentors for the information provided.

Representative Cohoon moved to arise at 10:50 am.

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Representative Daniel A. Huseman

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Charlotte Mosher, Committee Secretary